

PLUS!*Platinum Series Selection*

Tantara Winery
2005 Garys' Vineyard Syrah
 Santa Lucia Highlands
112 Cases Produced

Since 1997, Tantara Winery has been dedicated to producing the very finest Syrah, Pinot Noir, and Chardonnay from California's Central Coast. Located on the beautiful Bien Nacido Vineyard in Santa Barbara County's Santa Maria Valley, Tantara Winery focuses on crafting vineyard-designate wines from such prestigious vineyards and growers as Talley, Pisoni, Garys' Vineyard, Laetitia, and Dierberg. Tantara Winery is a partnership between two friends and winemakers, Jeff Fink and Bill Cates, who both hail from Virginia but shared a dream of building a world-class California winery. Fink actually designed a winery as his thesis project when graduating from UCLA in 1988, and then started dabbling with winemaking in California's Topanga Canyon and Russian River Valley. In the mid-1990's, a friend put Jeff in touch with Laetitia and Bien Nacido for fruit from their vineyards. The Central Coast fruit was much better than what Jeff was used to and made a far better wine than previous efforts. He called his friend Bill Cates in Virginia, who promptly moved his family out west, and they launched the Tantara label just a couple of short years later. *Tantara*, by the way, was named after a horse owned by Bill Cates that was once retired to pasture, but defied the odds and ended up living a long and healthy life. Horses also symbolize elegance, grace and power – all of which are qualities embraced in Tantara's portfolio of extraordinary wines.

ACCOLADES & TASTING NOTES

Tantara's 2005 Garys' Vineyard Syrah hails from the Santa Lucia Highlands, part of the western mountain range shielding the Salinas Valley from the Pacific Ocean. The site's cooling fog and afternoon breezes that sweep in from Monterey Bay lengthen the vines' growing season, allowing the grapes to develop complex flavors while maintaining their attractive, crisp acidity. The Syrah fruit from Garys' Vineyard is extremely desirable as its end-product wines consistently garner top-notch awards and recognition throughout the state and international competitions. Tantara's 2005 Syrah was awarded an esteemed **93 Points** from *Decanter* magazine: "Bright and juicy with an explosion of tangy black fruit; racy, fresh and long with spicy intensity and balance." This beautifully concentrated wine also took home a **Best of Appellation** and **Gold Medal** from the prominent online publication *Appellation America*: "Rich blackberry aromas framed by perfumey cardamom spice. Sweet round tannins are wonderfully dense and deep, and the mouth is fresh and fruity, finishing with a lively piquancy." Aged 22 months in oak. 100% Syrah. Enjoy now until 2015.

REORDERS

2005 Garys' Vineyard Syrah
 Winery Direct: \$42.00 /bottle

Gold Medal Wine Store price:

2-Bottle Members: \$35.00 /bottle

4-Bottle/ Multi-Series Members: \$32.00 /bottle

*2 bottle min. order. Availability is extremely limited.
 (plus shipping)

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